Employment generation schemes in Himachal Pradesh

2446. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the employment generation schemes taken up in Himachal Pradesh from time to time, during the last three years, year-wise and Panchayat-wise;

(b) how many families have been benefited from the above schemes district-wise, year-wise and Panchayat-wise; and

(c) how much funds were distributed to each Panchayat, how much were utilised and how much remained un-utilised, and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) to (c) The major employment generation schemes implemented in the districts of Himachal Pradesh in the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 are Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Million Wells Scheme (MWS), Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) and Training of Rural Youth for Self-employment (TRYSEM), Union Government monitors the implementation of these programmes at State and district levels only. Panchayat-wise information is not being monitored by the Union Government. The number of families, individuals benefitted during the last three years, district-wise is at Annexure. [*See Appendix* 186, *Annexure No.* 42]

Houses for weaker sections

2447. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target fixed for construction of houses for weaker sections during the Eighth Five Year Plan and how many of them have been constructed, State/Union Territory wise and year-wise;

(b) by how many houses is the target lagging behind, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) what is the larget fixed for construction of houses for weaker sections during the Ninth Five Year Plan period, State/Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) The target fixed and houses constructed for below poverty line families under Indira Awaas Yojana during the 8th Five Year Plan period year-wise and state/unioin territory wise is at Annexure. [*See Apppendix 186, Annexure No.* .....] The performance under Indira Awaas Yojana has been reasonably satisfactory.

(c) The target fixed for construction of houses for below poverty line families under Indira Awaas Yojana durig the first two years of the Ninth Plan period i.e. 1997-98 and 1998-99 year-wise and state/union territory-wise is at Annexure. [*See Appendix 186, Annexure No. 43*] Targets for the remaining three years of the Ninth Plan period is fixed on annual basis subject to budgetary allocation.

Instalments to Gujarat under rural development schemes

2448. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the instalments to be given to the people in Gujarat under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Gokul Gram Yojna (GGY) and Gram Vikas Yojana (GVY) have been stopped;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the effective measures taken by Government to restart the instalments and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OR RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) No, Sir. Gokul Gram Yojna (GGY) and Gram Vikas Yojana (GVY) are neither sponsored nor financed by the Central Government. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), a Centrally sponsored programme, is being implemented throughout the country except in Delhi and Chandigarh, for providing wage employment to persons living below poverty line in the rural areas. Release of funds under

JRY to Gujarat has not been stopped. During the current year two instalment of funds amounting to Rs. 42.87 crores have been released to all the districts of the State.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Financial assistance to North-Eastern States through CAPART

2449. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAPART had sanctioned financial grants in the North-Eastern States in 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99; and

(b) if so, the details of those allotments, State-wise and scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) CAPART provides financial assistance in respect of the projects submitted by the Voluntary Organisations (VOs) and does not sanction financial grants on statewise basis.

(b) Statewise and schemewise details of financial assistance provided by CAPART to the VOs in the North Eastern States during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 (upto 12.03.1999) are given in the Annexure. [*See Appendix 186, Annexure No. 44*]

National Policy for resettlement and rehabilitation for rural areas

2450. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate a comprehensive national policy for resettlement and rehabilitation for rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) A draft national policy on resettlement and rehabilitation of persons or families adversely affected or displaced on account of compulsory acquisition of Land has been prepared, but the same has not been finalised by the Government and the draft national policy is currently under examination by a Group of Ministers appointed by Union Cabinet.

(c) Question does not arise.

Special cell for Rural Sanitation Scheme

2451. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 903, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th March, 1999 and state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a special cell to tackle Rural Sanitation Schemes all around the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that very low levels of sanitation prevail in rural areas; and

(c) if so, how Government plan to tackle this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) to (c) As per the census figures (1991), 17-20% of rural households in the country is estimated to be having access to sanitation facilities.

A comprehensive policy review has been contemplated under Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) with a view to achieve at least 50% coverage under rural sanitaiton during the 9th Five Year Plan. The review also envisages a major policy shift from "high subsidy to low subsidy", with special emphasis on the creation of demand for sanitation services, increased awareness generation, a much higher degree of beneficiary participation. The subsidy structure is being changed to target the poorer segment and to ensure the States extend right incentives to explore low cost sanitation through compaign approach as has been successfully employed in Literacy and immunization Missions involving NGOs & Private Sector. The review also envisages greater private sector involvement and adoption of "vertical upgradation" concept. Increased technological option would also pave way for increased acceptance and coverage. The implementing agencies will also be made to restructure